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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:                        Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:                   Representative Tom Bevill's (D., Ala.) Bill,
                                   H.R. 13849, To Protect Confidentiality
                                   of Identities of Certain Employees of CIA

  1.  Action Requested:  It is requested that you call and thank
Representative Bevill for his interest in submitting a bill to protect
against the unauthorized disclosure of the names of CIA employees.

  2.  Background:  On 11 August 1978, Representative Bevill
introduced H.R. 13849, the House counterpart to Senator Lloyd Bentsen's
bill (S. 1578), which would protect against the unauthorized disclosure
of the identities of intelligence agents.

  3.  An attorney and former Army Captain, Mr. Bevill was
first elected to Congress from Alabama in 1967.  He presently serves
as Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee and is a member of
the HUD-Independent Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

  4.  Mr. Bevill has always been favorably disposed toward the
Agency.  According to the Congressional Record of 1 October 1975, he
strongly opposed an amendment to H.R. 9861, the Defense Appropriations
bill, that would have required the public disclosure of the exact amount
of expenditures for CIA.

  5.  Staff Position:  This has been coordinated with OGC.

  6.  Recommendation:  That you call and thank Mr. Bevill
for his interest in this important matter.  As you are aware, we do

have serious problems with Senator Bentsen's and Mr. Bevill's bills.
We feel, however, that it is worthwhile for you to call and thank
Mr. Bevill for his interest and to inform him that we are developing
legislative language to address the concern reflected in his bill and
that we will be happy to keep him advised.

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25 Aug 1978
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Director of Central Intelligence                 Date

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Director of Central Intelligence                 Date

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